



Full University Status Good News for Kwantlen Students

Surrey, BC — Kwantlen students are very happy to hear that the provincial government will be granting full university status to Kwantlen, changing its name to “Kwantlen Polytechnic University.” This new designation reflects how far Kwantlen has come since its humble beginnings as Kwantlen College in 1981 — and also reflects the extraordinary diversity of programs offered at the institution. As a polytechnic university, Kwantlen will offer a full range of bachelor’s and associate degrees, as well as professional, developmental, and trades programs.

“Full university status for Kwantlen will have positive reverberations for students and the entire community,” said Nathan Griffiths, Chairperson of the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA). “Many of our members chose Kwantlen because of its small class sizes, its friendly and dedicated faculty, and its flexible course options. We were pleased to hear that these positive features will not change as Kwantlen becomes a full university.”

Students are hopeful that this announcement will not merely reflect a name change, but will also lead to increased funding for the Kwantlen Library and other vital services. Currently, the Library is not open on Sundays and has limited hours on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition, Kwantlen currently falls behind other institutions in the area of student services; for example, there are no athletic facilities at the Richmond, Cloverdale, and Langley campuses.

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The Kwantlen Student Association represents over 17,000 students enrolled at the four Greater Vancouver campuses of Kwantlen University College — soon to become Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

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